

On-Line Voters' Pamphlet Candidate Statement

Candidate Statement Guidelines

Candidates' statements must meet the following guidelines:

- Statement length shall not exceed ****250 words**** in block paragraph without indentation.
- Candidates will use their names exactly as they will appear on the ballot. They may not use any names or nicknames that intentionally mislead voters.
- Candidates must limit their statements to themselves. Candidates may not mention their opponent by name or allude to their opponent.
- All statements must be submitted as an electronic computer file, either a Microsoft Word document or a generic text file. The statement must be submitted on a CD or via e-mail to the Elections Department.
- If a statement exceeds the required length, the Auditor shall contact the candidate either electronically or in writing; the candidate shall then have 48 hours to amend the length. If the candidate does not respond, the Auditor will edit the length of the statement beginning with the last sentence until the length requirement is met. The Auditor may remove more words than needed to reach the maximum word limit so the statement ends in a complete sentence.
- The Auditor will **not** correct errors in grammar, spelling, or punctuation. Changes in content are not allowed once the statement is submitted.

Candidate Photographs

Candidates may submit a photograph to accompany their statements. Candidate photographs must meet the following criteria:

- The photograph must be submitted to the Auditor in an electronic computer file of type "Tiff" or "Jpeg."
- Photographs should be no larger than 2" by 3"
- Candidate photographs submitted for inclusion in the On-Line Voters' Pamphlet must have been taken within the past five years.
- The photograph submitted must show only the candidate's face, or face, neck and shoulders in the manner of a portrait. It must exclude the candidate's hands, anything held in the hands, and other people.
- Neither cartoons nor caricatures are permitted, nor any other image that does not accurately portray the candidate.
- No photograph submitted for inclusion in the On-Line Voter's Pamphlet may reveal clothing or insignia suggesting the holding of a public office. Examples of such clothing or insignia include, but are not limited to: judicial robes, law enforcement or military uniforms, official seals or symbols, flags of the United States, State of Washington or other jurisdictions, or other similar indicia of public office.
- The Auditor may reject candidate photographs that do not meet the guidelines. The Auditor will notify candidates whose photographs are being rejected. Candidates whose photographs are rejected will be allowed 48 hours to submit a new photograph.

Miscellaneous

The Auditor retains the discretion to grant waivers or exception on a case-by-case basis. The On-Line Voters' Pamphlet will be available twenty days prior to the date of the election. Decisions made by the canvassing board will be majority vote, and are subject to all public meeting laws.

Distribution

The On-Line Voter's Pamphlet will be distributed via the Clallam County web site. All library districts will receive information on how to access the site and make this information available to the public.

****State and Federal Candidates should contact the Washington State Secretary of State's Office for information on their Voters' Pamphlet, as Clallam County's On-Line Voters' Pamphlet is for local candidates and measures only.****

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For Local Candidate Only

****State and Federal****

(See below)

Candidate Name: _____
(As it will appear on the ballot)

Address: _____

Email: _____

Daytime Phone number: _____

District and Position Sought: _____

Contact Information to be published (If different than above)

Campaign Address: _____

Campaign Phone: _____

Campaign Email: _____

Campaign Website: _____

Use statement for Primary and General Pamphlet YES NO

(Circle one)

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Order of Statements

Candidates' statements will be listed under the position and district each candidate has filed for. The position, district, and candidates' statements will be listed in the ballot order congruent to the election. Candidates' statements will be in order of lot drawing for ballot placement according, to RCW 29A.36.131.

Submitting to Elections Department

You may send your picture and statement on a CD or by e-mail. Please e-mail submissions to sradon@co.clallam.wa.us or mail them to the Elections Department, 223 E 4th St, Suite 1, Port Angeles, WA 98362.